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AL-KIKHYA

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THE FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON MANSUR RASHID
AL-KIKHYA (PHONETIC: KE K E UK) (ALSO SPELLED KIKHIA), LIBYAN
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS:

MANSUR RASHID AL-KIKHYA, 44, WAS APPOINTED PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN AUGUST 1975; HE HAD
PREVIOUSLY HELD THAT POST FROM JANUARY TO JULY 1972. HE
NEXT SERVED AS MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNTIL
APRIL 1973, WHEN HE LEFT THE GOVERNMENT TO HEAD A PRIVATE
LAW OFFICE.

A STRONG ARAB NATIONALIST, KIKHYA IS NEVERTHELESS
MORE MODERATE THAN CHAIRMAN MU'AMMAR AL-QADHAFI. HE IS
CRITICAL OF THE UNITED STATES, VIEWING THIS COUNTRY AS
A THREAT AND DEPLORING THE US COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL. HE
HAS BEEN CORDIAL TO INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN, HOWEVER.
KIKHYA'S ATTITUDE TOWARD OTHER COUNTRIES IS COLORED
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BY THEIR POLICIES TOWARD THE ARAB STATES.

WHILE A LAW STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAIRO, KIKHYA EARNED A REPUTATION AS A LEFTIST AND A SUPPORTER OF THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD. THIS HURT HIM WHEN HE RETURNED TO LIBYA AND TRIED TO GET A JOB DURING THE CONSERVATIVE REGIME OF KING IDRIS, SO HE DECIDED TO CONTINUE HIS STUDIES AT THE SORBONNE. HE RECEIVED A LAW DEGREE IN 1957 AND WAS IMMEDIATELY APPOINTED TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. KIKHYA SERVED AT THE UNITED NATIONS AS COUNSELOR DURING 1967-69. HE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE WHEELUS NEGOTIATIONS WHEN IN TRIPOLI.

INTELLIGENT AND REASONABLE, KIKHYA IS CONSCIENTIOUS AND HARD-WORDING. SOMETIMES CHARACTERIZED AS "MACHIAVELLIAN," HE NEVER MANEUVERS IN OBVIOUS WAYS BUT ATTEMPTS TO WIELD HIS INFLUENCE INDIRECTLY. HE IS A BACHELOR AND HAS NUMEROUS GIRL FRIENDS. IN ADDITION TO HIS NATIVE ARABIC, KIKHYA SPEAKS FLUENT FRENCH AND ITALIAN AND FAIR ENGLISH.
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